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1. AS DESCRIBED IN REF A, IT IS CLEAR HERE THAT A HIGH-LEVEL GROUP OF 77 MEETING WILL OCCUR HERE IN SEPTEMBER. HOWEVER, THE PURPOSE, BREATH, AND LEVEL OF THE MEETING ARE STILL UNCLEAR IN THE MINDS OF EVEN SOME GOM OFFICIALS, AND THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING COULD TAKE ON "SUMMIT" OVERTONES.

2. THE MEXICAN SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (FONSEC) OFFICE WHICH CLAIMS TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING DESCRIBES IT AS A MEETING OF THE GROUP OF 77 BASED ON THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL MADE BY PRES. ECHEVERRIA IN EGYPT (REF B), LATER AT THE UN 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, AND APPROVED BY THE G-77 IN MANILA IN MAY. THE FORMAL TITLE OF THE MEETING WILL BE THE "PROGRAM FOR THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION OF THE THIRD WORLD" AND ITS PURPOSE WILL BE TO SET UP A THIRD WORLD EQUIVALENT TO SELA (LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM), ONE OF WHOSE GOALS COULD BE TO FOUND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. DATES GIVEN TO EMB OFF BY THE FONSEC VARY BETWEEN SEPT 6 THROUGH 21.

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3. THE PROJECTED DATES OF THE MEETING CORRESPOND TO SEVERAL OTHER EVENTS WHICH LEAD THE OBSERVER TO THINK THAT ECHEVERRIA IS INDEED HOPING TO TURN THE SEPTEMBER MEETING INTO A TRUE THIRD WORLD SUMMIT ALLOWING ECHEVERRIA TO ENHANCE HIS STILL SMOLDERING HOPES FOR THE SECGENSHIP OF THE U.N. AROUND THE SAME TIME (MID-SEPTEMBER), THE PRESIDENT'S BRAINCHILD "CENTER FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STUDIES OF THE THIRD WORLD" WILL BE OFFICIALLY INAUGURATED, IN A CEREMONY TO WHICH EVERY CHIEF OF STATE OF THE THIRD WORLD HAS BEEN INVITED. ECHEVERRIA HAS CLAIMED THAT AT LEAST TEN HAVE DEFINITELY ACCEPTED. SEPTEMBER 16 IS ALSO MEXICO'S INDEPENDENCE DAY, TO WHICH FIDEL CASTRO (INTER ALIA) IS REPORTEDLY INVITED AFTER POSTPONING EARLIER PLANNED TRIPS TO MEXICO.

4. CONSIDERING THAT ALL THESE EVENTS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDE THE OPENING OF THE 31ST UNGA, IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE SEPTEMBER CONCLAVE IN MEXICO HAS THE POTENTIAL REPEAT POTENTIAL TO BE VERY BIG. INDEED THE FONSEC CLAIMS THAT ITS PLANNING FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING(S) IS BEING DONE THROUGH AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL GROUP REPRESENTING FIVE MINISTRIES OF THE GOM.

5. HOWEVER AT THIS POINT PUBLIC GOM COMMENT DESCRIBES THE G-77 MEETING AS "COMPLETELY SEPARATE" FROM THE OTHER ABOVE-MENTIONED EVENTS, A DESCRIPTION REAFFIRMED TO US PRIVATELY BY MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICERS AT FONSEC. JOVA

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